

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all Acts inconsistent herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved April 9, 1920.

CHAPTER 704.

AN ACT to add two additional sections to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Volume 3, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Fraud—Advertisements," said new sections to follow immediately after Section 160 of said Article and to be known as Section 160A and Section 160B.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That two new sections be added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Volume 3, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Fraud—Advertisements," said new sections to follow immediately after Section 160 of said Article and to be known as Section 160A and Section 160B, said new sections to read as follows:

SEC. 160A. Any person, firm, corporation or association, who with intent to sell or in any wise dispose of merchandise, securities, service, or anything offered by such person, firm, corporation, or association directly or indirectly, to the public for sale or distribution, or with intent to increase the consumption thereof, or to induce the public in any manner to enter into any obligation relating thereto, or to acquire title thereto, or any interest therein, makes, publishes, disseminates, circulates, or places before the public, or causes directly or indirectly to be made, published, disseminated, circulated, or placed before the public in this State, in a newspaper or other publication or in the form of a book, notice, handbill, poster, bill, circular, pamphlet, or letter, or in any other way, an advertisement, of any sort regarding merchandise, securities, service or anything so offered to the public which advertisement contains any assertion, representation or statement of fact which is untrue, deceptive or misleading, and which is known by such person, firm, corporation or association or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known by such person, firm or corporation to be untrue, deceptive or misleading, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.